

When the FCC granted broadcasting licenses to satellite radio broadcasters (XM and Sirius), it was under the understanding that their service would be national. For satellite broadcasters to begin to broadcast local news and weather coverage is a greivous infringement on the services of local broadcasters. Two networks - which cover the nation, yet can never have as much interest in the local community as the broadcasters who live and work there - will soon be able to provide the same news and weather information. This is a boon for satellie radio, yet a bust for local broadcasters, and not in the best interests of the public. Who will care more about the community - those who live, work and shop there, or those who broadcast from hundreds or thousands of miles away? Who will be able to provide the quickest information on hail, flash flooding, freak snowstorms like we have here in Colorado constantly?

I support the NAB petition to prevent satellite broadcasters from providing local news and weather coverage.